



Selected Acquisition Reports

The Department of Defense has released details on major defense acquisition program cost and schedule changes since the September 1998 reporting period. This information is based on the Selected Acquisition Reports (SAR) submitted to the Congress for the Dec. 31, 1998, reporting period.

SARs summarize the latest estimates of cost, schedule, and technical status. These reports are prepared annually in conjunction with the president's budget. Subsequent quarterly exception reports are required only for those programs experiencing unit cost increases of at least 15 percent or schedule delays of at least six months. Quarterly SARs are also submitted for initial reports, final reports, and for programs that are re-baselined at major milestone decisions.

The total program cost estimates provided in the SARs include research and development, procurement, military construction, and acquisition-related operations and maintenance. Total program costs reflect actual costs to date as well as anticipated costs for future efforts. All estimates include allowances for anticipated inflation.

The current estimate of program acquisition costs for programs covered by SARs for the prior reporting period (September 1998) was \$679,999.3 million. After adding the costs for a new program (CH-60S) in September 1998, the adjusted current estimate of program acquisition costs was \$683,153.3 million. There was a net increase of \$15,025.0 million during the current reporting period (December 1998). The cost changes between September and December 1998 are summarized below:

Current Estimate (\$ in Millions)	
September 1998 (77 programs*)	\$ 679,999.3
Plus one new program, CH-60S	+3,154.0
September 1998 Adjusted (78 programs*)	\$683,153.3

*The Air Force's B-1 CMUP-Computer Upgrade, B-1 CMUP-DSUP, and B-1 CMUP-JDAM were combined into a single B-1 CMUP report, so the number of DoD programs has decreased by two since the September 1998 reporting period. Also, the Air Force's MILSTAR program has classified costs and is excluded.

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